#### WHO WE ARE

The Women's Enterprise Initiative, WEI, **is** a self-contained volunteer organization operating under the umbrella of the City of Newton. The City of Newton Planning and Development Department fosters activities that maintain and expand the City's economic base and advises on development policy. For information on the Small Business Center and other resources for businesses in Newton, visit: www.newtonma.gov/ smallbusinesscenter

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# Wednesday **April 1, 2015**

#### Presenter

## **LAURIN MILLS, Founder**

The Dinner Daily

will present her business plan for growth strategies

#### **Moderator**

Antoinette Antonio, Anchor **WCVB-TV** 

**Druker Auditorium- Newton Free Library** 6:15 - 9:00 PM

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#### **GOAL OF THE FORUM**

The Women's Enterprise Initiative (WEI) assists women in developing successful businesses. The forums provide women with the opportunity to have their business plans critiqued and prepare them to launch a business idea or expand upon an existing one.

Recognizing the wide range of values and lifestyle choices, we honor each woman's definition of success. All women, regardless of the type of business or level of success they envision for themselves, are welcome to submit their business plans for review.

#### **HOW THE FORUM WORKS**

The presenter, a woman entrepreneur selected through a screening process, is coached to prepare for the forum.

At the forum, the entrepreneur presents her business plan for evaluation by a panel of financial, legal, and marketing experts. The audience, comprised of business people and consumers, is invited to give feedback and pose questions to the panel.

The aim of the forum is to promote the presenter's company and to serve as an educational and networking event for those who attend.

For more information call Nancy Hyde at the City of Newton (617) 796-1122

To register, go to: www.newtonma.gov/wei

#### THE PANEL MEMBERS

Susan LaPlante-Dube Precision Marketing Inbound Central Expertise: Marketing/Social Media

Andrew Kolidas Digital Impulse Expertise: E-commerce

Carol Coutrier
The Launching Pad & Co
Expertise: Growth Strategies

Druker Auditorium Newton Free Library 330 Homer Street Newton, MA

#### **NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENTS**

Wednesday, April 1 6:15-6:45 p.m.

# BUSINESS PLAN PRESENTATION WITH PANEL AND AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public courtesy of our generous supporters

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